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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

The Office Action of June 23, 2004 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on September 23, 2004. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

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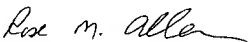
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